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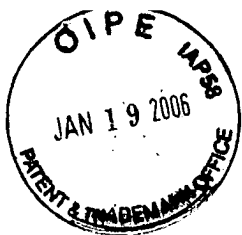
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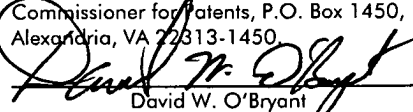


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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action mailed December 15, 2005, Applicant offers the following Amendment and requests consideration and examination of the above-captioned application.

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- Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper; and
- Remarks begin on page 17 of this paper